(b) if so, whether recent tests and studies carried out in Microbacterial Department of PGI, Lucknow have revealed that when antibiotic medicine was given to non-vegetarian patients, it worked against the patients and destroyed the useful bacteria; and

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken to make people aware about such hazards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Comprehensive Health Programme

614. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a comprehensive plan has been formulated to spend about Rs. 100,000 crores, over the next seven years, to improve the health sector in India through some innovative strategies to ensure that the benefits reach the people in the remotest corners of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its present status;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the panchayats are being given an important role to administer and oversee the functioning of the primary health centres and the community health centres; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) A National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) has been launched on 12.04.05 for the entire country with the objective to provide comprehensive integrated health care, especially for the rural poor. The Budget Outlay for NRHM for 2005-06 is Rs. 6731.16 crore. The funding for the full Mission period is not tied up yet.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. It is envisaged that under the NRHM, the District Health Mission (DHM) will be led by Chairman, Zila Parishad. The DHM will control, guide and manage all public health institutions in the district. At the village level, the Village Health & Sanitation Committee of the Gram Panchayat shall oversee the preparation and implementation of multi-sectoral Village Health Plan. The Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) at village level would be selected by, and be accountable to the Gram Panchayat.